

COLLEGE NEWS

Proclaiming Christ and him Crucified

Studying the evangelistic occasions in the Acts of the Apostles has taught us that in the early church the centre of gravity was the character of Jesus Christ. So the stress in our ministry is the "good news" the announcement of what Christ has done and what men must now do : "Be reconciled to God."

Our call to proclaim Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit means that we go out relying on God alone to supply our needs and trusting Him for the results.

The first practical period of 1973 has provided a variety of experiences and opportunities and for the first-year students in particular a foretaste of the challenge and thrill of serving the Lord fulltime in His church.

SAINT JOHN'S, ASHFIELD

For Josie Leslie (Australia: Second Year Student) the practical work meant being involved with young people and getting to know in a more personal way the group she has been leading at Ashfield. The "Ups and downs" of this type of ministry sent her to her knees many times and taught her afresh that results depend mainly on the Prayer and preparation which goes before.

SAINT PAUL'S, FAIRY MEADOW

Kevin Cullen (Australia : First Year Student).

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The opportunity to counsel some of the girls in her group at a Children's Camp gave Lorraine O'Neill (Australia : First Year Student) the joy of leading some of them to know the Lord Jesus as friend and Saviour.

FAIRFIELD AND GREEN VALLEY

Through Home Meetings, children's mission services and youth work, Richard Dyer (New Zealand: First Year Student) found new fields of thought, a deeper understanding of people and their problems and discovered the need for a greater dependence on God. The highlight was a visit with Captain John McKnight to Nimbin (N.S.W. Pop

GREEN VALLEY

Kevin and Lyn Cullen went as assistant house-parents on a Youth Group Houseparty at Bundanoon near Moss Vale. For many of the young people present this was the first time for them to seriously consider the person and power of Jesus Christ. There was great rejoicing as many of them discovered a new life in Him.

Festival town) during the preparations for the event and this experience helped him to see that in Jesus Christ alone the real needs of young people can be met.

SAINT MARK'S, GREEN VALLEY

The "normal parish activities" turned out to be the channels God used to help Terry O'Neill (Australia: First Year Student) to gain the confidence for organising and planning in the Lord's work. Camping with boys and girls under the leadership of Captain Rex Harris, leading services, preaching and visiting, provided the opportunities to put into practice the ideas stimulated through lectures and college activities.

PALLISTER GIRLS HOME

Domestic work and supervision of girls may sound terribly dull but working in a Diocesan Girls Home gave Lorraine Dorrington (Australia: First Year Student) new insights into the understanding of young women. Lorraine discovered the value of

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specialised training for this important work and is rejoicing that God has given her a deep desire to be filled with His wisdom and concern to enable her to share His love with others.

SAINT JOHN'S, LURNEA

David Pask (New Zealand: Second Year Student) was involved in a team ministry alongside a busy parish priest in a rapidly developing housing area. He found ample opportunities to put into practice the knowledge and experience acquired during training. Through Bible Studies, a Vacation Bible School, Friendly Circles, Scripture Teaching, visiting and preaching he proved once again the power of Christ to change lives. David returned to College rejoicing because of the interest aroused amongst the parents of some of the children contacted and also for a team of workers trained and now ready to continue with this outreach ministry.

The return to College only served to emphasize the need for more workers called and sent to do the work of an Evangelist.



Captain John McKnight

An Adventure with Christ Stage 3

Articles in the last two issues have revealed different aspects of Captain McKnight's evangelistic outreach to young people in the community who are often labelled hippies, surfies and 'drop-outs'. This time he relates a further stage in his "adventure" and we look forward to the time when he can do this work on a full-time basis. For that to happen we will need an even greater volume of financial support to meet the considerable costs involved.

There is a growing interest today in astrology. Many people are turning to the stars to help them make important decisions in life. While some people jokingly consult the stars to see what is going to happen to them today, others take a more serious view. There is a popular thought going around, that the world travels through various stages and that it is now entering the age of Aquarius. An age of great energy and creativity, an age when mankind will achieve enormous success in certain fields. Just recently I attended the Aquarius Festival at Nimbin which is aimed at focusing attention on the Aquarian culture or, as it is sometimes called, the alternative culture. For three months now I have been working amongst this type of young person, trying to learn more of their culture in order that I might relate the Christian Gospel to them. The essential Christian message never changes but the method of presenting the message must vary with each cultural group.

Some of the methods that I have tried have not worked out as well as I would have liked, others have gone very well. It is a regular thing now for me to fill my thermos up with hot soup or milo and if I see a hitchhiker standing on the roadside I pull up and share it with him. More often than not the conversation leads naturally on to spiritual matters and I'm able to tell about my Lord. Each Saturday afternoon I travel to the Valley Barter Market where about 130 people gather to exchange their wares. As no currency is involved I have to barter the Bibles and other booklets that I take along. In return I get cabbages and pumpkins and all sorts of produce and hand crafted items.

Daily the Lord is leading me into greater adventures as He opens up avenues for me to serve Him. The other day I was



"Should Christians be involved in, how or if, Australia aids other countries? Yes, they certainly should! Without doubt, this can be a real means of spreading the Gospel".

"It can also be a means of bringing the Christians in various countries into a closer bond, when those who have, help those who haven't."

Since July 1972, small groups, larger ones and individuals have continued discussions, and undertaken various actions, as (a) their own way of

helping, and (b) a means of encouraging others around them to look at their responsibilities.

Many people, who, perhaps, had not thought about things before, have come to believe that their concern and action on behalf of their brothers throughout the world, is a necessary part of their

Christian Faith in action.

"If a man who was rich enough in this world's goods saw that one of his brothers was in need, but closed his heart to him, how could the love of God be living in him?" (1 John 3:17).

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STAFF MOVES :

In the Church Army we are accustomed to a fairly frequent movement of staff according to the needs of the work. However, some moves are occasionally more notable than others. Two such moves occurred in April when, on the 12th April, **Sister Bacon** left our Federal Office staff to take up an appointment as a staff member of the St. Cuthbert's Home for children in Colac, Victoria.

Sister had been the Society's Staff Sister for many years and also our book-keeper. She had been deeply involved in the Society's administrative affairs and is greatly missed. However, she is very happy in her new work of caring for children, in which she has had considerable experience during her Church Army career.

The other notable move was that of **Captain Quayle** from the position of Staff Captain at Federal Office to take up full-time Industrial Chaplaincy work. He had been doing this work in industry for many years on a part-time basis. This is an important area of ministry and, whilst Captain Quayle is also very much missed from our administrative team, it is good that he can now concentrate all his energies in this direction.

We wish both these officers much blessing and happiness in their new areas of service.

OTHER MOVES

are the **Rev. Captain N. Polgen** from Geraldton, W.A., to the staff of the St. George's Homes for boys, in Rockhampton. He has joined Captain Warren Darnley in this work and, as a full-blood Aborigine, his appointment is of special interest because more than 50% of the boys in the Homes are of Aboriginal descent.

Sister Beverley Rillatt — has just moved from the parish of Lara in Geelong, Victoria, to the new housing area of Lockridge/Eden Hill in Perth, W.A. A very challenging task confronts her but it is one that Sister Rillatt is well equipped to meet by experience, knowledge, personality and dependence upon her Lord and Saviour.

WEDDING BELLS :

Captain Ron Wallis and Miss Mary Ryan were married at St. James', King Street, Sydney, on the 7th April. The service was taken by the Chairman of our Board, The Right Reverend F. O. Hulme-Moir and Captain Gwilt and Captain Quayle assisted in the reading of the Epistle and Gospel and with the chalice. A number of other Church Army officers were also present. It was a very beautiful service. We wish Ron and Mary a truly happy life and shared ministry together and much joy in God's service.

FETE : The weather was perfect and people from near and far came along in a steady stream to make their purchases and to enjoy the fellowship.

In every way the 1973 Fete was a great success and for this we are truly thankful. The net cash result was \$595.

To all who helped with the preparations and on the stalls, to all who sent donations or goods for sale, we express our warm thanks and appreciation.

The Women's Auxiliary have given the **Fete proceeds to the Society's general funds with the wish that the money be used to help meet the costs of Captain John McKnight's evangelistic outreach.** In



Captain Bob Eland

Youth Leader

When working at my former trade of fitter and machinist I often became bored because of the repetition of the work. However, there is no fear of boredom in my present work as a youth leader at the Sydney City Mission Community Centre at Green Valley.

The Centre has a weekly programme comprising 52 activities and there is a membership of 3,800 people whose ages range from 2½ years to 101!

Because of the various problems that occasionally arise in connection with some of the young folk, there is also involvement with parents and sometimes with whole families. So being a youth worker in this situation doesn't necessarily restrict my work only to youth.

The part of the programme I enjoy most is the Recreation Club which meets on four nights a week. As many as 120 teenagers sometimes come to the club and they play snooker, darts and table tennis or just sit around talking. The staff find many opportunities of getting to know the young people on these nights by joining in the activities or talking with small groups or with individuals.

During school holidays a good deal of my time is taken up with camping activities. Last month I took 25 High School children to the Gold Coast for a seven day camp. This involved a round trip of 1650 miles and we travelled in two small buses.

At a recent camp at Bowral for primary school children eight of the children made a stand for Jesus Christ. One boy told his parents that he would be a Christian before he reached the age of ten. He is now nine years of age!

I have seen signs of God at work in the lives of many children and young people who come to the Centre and so give praise and thanks for these blessings and for the joy of sharing in this work.

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